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Addendum

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Chapter _____

COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Agenda item 3

1. The Commission considered item 3 of its agenda at its ___ meeting on 28 February 1995.

2. Mr. William Seltzer, former Director of the Statistical Division, delivered a commemorative address covering some of the primary issues considered in establishing the Statistical Commission in 1946, the range of issues that the Commission has addressed over the years, and patterns that have emerged in the work of the Commission and of the international statistical organizations over the past 50 years, including patterns in substance, regional focus and principal matters of concern.

3. The Chairman of the Commission gave an address focusing on future directions for statistical work at both the national and international levels, which would include emphasis on new types of statistics, regionalization, strategic use of the revolution in technology, greater user and output orientation, the growing role of the private sector in the statistical field, and the need for establishing an overall policy for statistical development.

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